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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NIGHT REACH, NEPALESE CONTINGENT TO UNEF

REF: (A) KATHMANDU 5087; (B) USUN 5515; (C) USUN 5444

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL B, UN HAS WITHDRAWN REQUEST THAT
USG AIRLIFT NEPALESE CONTINGENT TO UNEF AND INSTEAD HAS
ASKED US TO AIRLIFT REMAINDER OF AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT LEFT
STRANDED BY RUSSIANS IN VIENNA. RUSSIANS HAVE TOLD UN
THEY WILL REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL FUTURE
AIRLIFTS.

2. GIVEN PRESENT UNSETTLED ME CONDITIONS AND UN DIF-
FICULTY IN ARRANGING ADDITIONAL AIRLIFTS, WE ANTICIPATE
INSERTION OF REMAINING CONTINGENTS--NEPAL, GHANA, SENEGAL,
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AND KENYA--WILL BE FURTHER DELAYED.

3. WE SEE AIRLIFT OF NEPALESE CONTINGENT AS PRIMARILY UN QUESTION AND NOT AS BILATERAL US-NEPAL PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT AWARE OF WHAT UN IS TELLING NEPALESE IN NEW YORK, WE ASSUME THEY WILL INFORM NEPALESE THAT UN HAS WITHDRAWN REQUEST FOR USG AIRLIFT OF THIER CONTINGENT. NEPAL EMB HERE HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION THEY SEEKING DIRECT USG COMMITMENT TO UN AIRLIFT AND WE ASSUME GON HAS NOT APPROACHED YOU ON THESE LINES. WE AGREE WITH

YOUR LOW KEY HANDLING OF ISSUE, AND WHILE HOPEFUL THAT AIRLIFT OF REMAINING CONTINGENTS CAN BE ARRANGED BY UN, A QUICK SOLUTION SEEMS UNLIKELY.

4. FYI: NEPALESE AIRLIFT WILL BE ONE OF MOST DIFFICULT AND COSTLY TO PERFORM BECAUSE OF KATHMANDU AIRPORT SIZE. WHILE C-141'S CAN LAND IN KATHMANDU, TAKE-OFF LOAD WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO ABOUT ONE-HALF OF NORMAL MAXIMUM, THUS INCREASING COST SUBSTANTIALLY. KISSINGER

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